

**WHAT'S FRESH AT
KEEP GROWING DETROIT
Spring 2018
Classes, Farm Events and
Grower Gatherings**

Grow With Us



We believe that the power to transform our city is in people coming together. These events will introduce you to a network of growers in the area, help you build skills and increase access to resources for your garden or farm. Participants in the Garden Resource Program who put in some "sweat equity" by attending at least one community event or class per season are eligible for additional resources for their garden.

Community Greenhouse Days

at the Plum Street Market Garden, 2202 Third St. Each year GRP members help grow about 200,000 seedlings that will then be planted out at gardens and farms across the city. At each Community Greenhouse Day we will help in that effort, get hands-on practice in transplant production and enjoy a brief lesson on how to grow your own, including proper timing, the best soil mixes, "potting up" and plant care.

- Saturday, March 24, 10A-12:30PM • Tuesday, April 3, 5-7PM
- Friday, March 30, 9A-12PM • Weds., March 4, 3:30-5:30PM
- Saturday, March 31, 10A- 12:30PM • Fri., March 6, 9A-12PM



Second Saturday Community Workday: Orchard Planting

Saturday, April 14th, 10AM-12PM, Beaverland Farm, 15078 Beaverland St. south of Fenkell west of Lahser. At this workday, we will get hands-on experience planting fruit trees, enjoy a short lesson on fruit tree spacing, best varieties, and the basics of maintaining fruit trees without pesticides. Bring your questions!

Urban Garden Education Series Classes

PERMACULTURE STRATEGIES For Urban Gardens, Thursday March 22, 6-8PM at Detroit Farm and Garden, 1759 21st St. south of Vernor east of I-75 near the bridge to Canada. Considering a site's existing resources (time, equipment, built environment, etc.) and creating beneficial relationships between outputs/inputs with the goal of reducing cost, energy, labor, water, etc., are key aspects of permaculture design. Join us to learn about this method of integrative and low-cost gardening.

CROWDFUNDING Panel: IOBY, Kiva, Soup, Tuesday, March 27, 6-8PM at KAN Bookstore, 9405 John R at Kenilworth east of Woodward. Crowdfunding is a way to fund projects by raising many small amounts of money from a large number of people. At this panel, representatives from different crowdfunding organizations will share information on opportunities for Detroit farms and gardens.

MAQUE CHOUX AND MORE: New Orleans Style Creole Cooking with Gabriel Hall, Monday April 2, 6-8PM at Brightmoor Artisans Community Kitchen, 22735 Fenkell west of Lahser. Are you looking to spice up your okra game or add some Creole inspiration to your kitchen? Join Chef Ederique Goudia from Gabriel Hall for some New Orleans favorites including: Maque Chou (traditional south Louisiana dish of corn, tomatoes, bell peppers, onions and celery), Sauteed Chayote and Okra two ways.

TEA TIME: Growing and Making Herbal Tea Blends with Intu Tea and Socra Tea, Monday, April 9, 6-8PM at Socra Tea Detroit, 71 Garfield St. east of Woodward south of Warren. There are many herbs we can grow in our own gardens and use for tea. Local tea purveyors from Into Tea and Socra Tea will share uses, blends and growing tips to get you sipping on your home grown tea in no time - complete with tastings!



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Potato and Onion Learn and Earn

Saturday, April 28, 10AM-12PM Location TBD. These two staple crops are a great addition to any garden. Join us for a short lesson on best growing practices and pick up plants for your site. *NOTE: This distribution will replace picking up potato and onion plants at GRP Crop Distributions.*

Second Saturday Community Workday: Building Garden Benches and Spring Garden Preparation

Saturday, May 12, 1PM-3PM at 4 Angels Community Garden, 9735 Kensington north of Whittier west of I-94. Getting a garden ready for spring planting can be a daunting task! Let's come together to give this community garden a spring boost. We will review all the steps of spring maintenance and get hands on building out benches for this special garden.

New Gardener Orientation

Come tour the GRP regional resource hubs, learn about more about the Garden Resource Program, and sign up for resources like raised beds, soil testing, tool sharing, and volunteers. Brush up on basic gardening skills, get answers to your gardening questions, and meet other gardeners in your area.

- **Eastside:** Georgia Street Community Collective, 8902 Vinton, Tuesday, April 24, 6-8PM
- **Central City:** Oakland Ave. Community Garden, 9354 Oakland, Tuesday, May 2, 6-8PM
- **North West:** Brightmoor Community Greenhouse, 15060 Grayfield, Wednesday, May 22, 6-8PM
- **South West:** Jardin de los Santos, 3693 Livernois, Thursday, May 31, 6-8PM

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FUN WITH FUNGHI: Growing Mushrooms, Saturday, April 14, 1-3PM at American Indian Health and Family Services, 4880 Lawndale St. south of Michigan west of Lonyo. Adding mushroom growing to your skill set is easier than you think. Join local mushroom growers Detroit Mushroom Factory and Left Branch Mushrooms for a lowdown on terms such as spores, inoculation, substrate and mycelium, and learn how to get some funghi fun growing at your garden.

SWEET BEGINNINGS: Introduction to Beekeeping, Saturday, April 28, 10AM-1PM at Georgia Street Community Collective, 8902 Vinton north of Harper west of Gratiot. Did you know one beehive has more than 60,000 bees and produces more than 100 lbs of honey in one season? Get an insiders' look at this fascinating pastime as we dive into the inner workings of a hive, how bees make honey and what it takes to get a hive started. *This class is part of the Sweet on Detroit series for more info contact Kido at 313-405-4803*

WATER WISE: Water Catchment, Irrigation Systems and Water Conservation, Saturday, May 5, 2-5PM at Georgia Street Community Collective, 8902 Vinton north of Harper west of Gratiot Save money on your water bill and keep rainwater out of the city's combined sewer system! Learn how much water your garden really needs and some efficient and innovative ways to irrigate your crops.

PLANNING FOR PLENTY: Garden Planning, Wednesday, May 9, 6-8PM at North Cass Community Garden, 4145 2nd south of Forest west of Woodward. Bringing a whole new meaning to bountiful, garden planning is a great way to ensure successful and consistent harvests throughout the season. Learn some effective garden planning strategies so that you can harvest something almost every day during the growing season.



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